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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/688,756	Applicant(s) Uckun et al.
	Examiner Hong Liu	Group Art Unit 1624

Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____

This action is **FINAL**.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle* 35 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 1 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claim

Claim(s) 30-45 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claims 30-45 are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 30-44 are pending in this application.

Election/Restriction

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 30-35, drawn to a method of reducing UVB radiation-induced inflammatory response, classified in class 514, subclass 259.
 - II. Claims 36-38, drawn to a method of reducing UVB-induced damage to epithelial cells or mutation frequency in skin, classified in class 514, subclass 259.
 - III. Claims 39-41, drawn to a method of reducing UVB-induced skin edema or vascular permeability, classified in class 514, subclass 259.
 - IV. Claims 42-45, drawn to a method of protecting a mammal from tumorigenic effects of UVB, classified in class 514, subclass 259.
2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:
Inventions I-IV are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the

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instant case more than one use exists for compounds of formula I as evidenced by claims 30, 36, 38, and 42, drawn to a variety of diverse uses. Additionally, the various uses would raise issues of enablement separate from that of the compound claims and would require art-recognized evidence that activity relied on its reasonably correlated to in vivo efficacy for the uses claimed..

A telephone call was made to Mr. Brian Whipps on 03/20/01 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made. A written restriction was requested.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

3. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(I).

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Hong Liu whose telephone number is (703) 306-5814. If attempts to reach the examiner by the phone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mukund Shah can be reached at (703) 308-4716. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 308-4734 for "unofficial" purposes and the actual number for **official** business is (703) 308-4556. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of

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this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose number is (703) 308-1235.

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